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SUBJECT: URUGUAYAN FOREIGN MINISTER' S VIEWS ON LIMA MEETING

1. ON JUNE 26, FOREIGN MINISTER JUAN CARLOS BLANCO COMMENTED TO ME ON HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING IN LIMA. BLANCO SAID HE HAD RETURNED FROM THE MEETING IN A MORE OPTIMISTIC FRAME OF MIND. HE SAID HE FOUND THE CHILEANS, HAVE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER DURING A LAYOVER IN SANTIAGO), THE PERUVIANS AND THE MEXICANS TO BE TAKING A MUCH MORE MODERATE POSITION THAN HE HAD EARLIER EXPECTED. HE WAS VERY COMPLIMENTARY OF THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATION AND THE TACTICS WHICH THEY HAD FOLLOWED AT THE MEETING, SAYING THAT THE UNITED STATES BY ITS ACTIONS HAD MADE IT VERY DIFFICULT TO BRING ABOUT THE CONFRONTATION WHICH SOME OF THE DELEGATIONS APPARENTLY HAD DESIRED. BLANCO SAID HE FELT THERE WOULD BE CONTINUING PRESSURES ON INTERNATIONAL BANK LENDING POLICIES AND PROBABLY ON THE RIO TREATY AS WELL. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT BELIEVE ANY MOVE TO EXCLUDE THE U. S. FROM THE OAS WAS A CURRENT PROSPECT.

2. BLANCO COMMENTED UNFAVORABLY ON THE STYLE AND CONTENT OF THE SPEECH BY THEIR ARGENTINE UNDER- SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON WHICH I MADE NO COMMENT.

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3. BLANCO SAID HE GAINED IMPRESSION THAT FEW, IF ANY, COUNTRIES
HAD ANY CONCRETE PLANS IN MIND WHICH WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY ALTER
THE OAS BUT THAT HE FELT THAT PERMITTING THE OAS' CRITICS TO
SOUND OFF WAS A BENEFICIAL EXERCISE.
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